Increase in IAY target for Bihar

†380. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to increase the annual target of Indira Awas Yojana in Bihar keeping in view the increase in the number of persons living below poverty line;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Under the Indira Awas Yojana (IAY), the funds are allocated to all the States/Union Territories (except Delhi and Chandigarh) on the basis of criteria based on houses shortage and poverty ratio. The targets for the IAY are fixed, taking into account, per unit assistance and budget allocation for each State/Union Territory.

Development of villages

†381. SHRI ISAM SINGH: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of villages in India which are yet to be developed; and

(b) the action plan of the Government to complete the development of the villages alongwith the time-limit for the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL): (a) No such information is being compiled in this Ministry.

(b) Every year, resources are released to each Panchayat under the Sampoorna Gramin Rozgar Yojana to take up local development works as per felt needs of people/area. Planning, execution and monitoring of these works are done 100% by the Panchayats.

Electricity to villages in Assam

382. SHRI DWIJENDRA NATH SHARMAH: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of the villages in the State of Assam which have not been supplied electricity till now;

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(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) by when the electricity in these villages is likely to be provided?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL): (a) Out of total 24,685 inhabited villages in Assam, 19081 villages have been electrified and 5604 villages are un-electrified.

(b) Slow progress of village electrification in Assam has been due to the leftover villages being generally located in remote and difficult areas and electrification of these villages being costly.

(c) According to the National Common Minimum Programme, household electrification to be completed in five years including Assam.

Villages linked to district HQs. through all weather roads

†383. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there are a total number of 6,34,321 villages in the country;

(b) if not, the total number of villages in the country;

(c) the number of these villages in each State of the country; and

(d) the number of villages in each State linked with the district Head-Quarters through all weather roads?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The total number of villages as per Census, 2001, in the country are 6,34,321.

(c) State-wise number of villages is given in the enclosed Statement-I *(See* below)

(d) The unit for planning under PMGSY is the habitation. The total number of habitations eligible to be covered under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) is 1,70,594 out of 3,29,311 Unconnected Habitations. As per the Core Networks prepared by the State Governments, the State-wise number of connected Rural Habitations is given in the enclosed Statement-I I.

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